

Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Program
ECCS Impact Grant Updates
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What is the Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Program?

- Works with multiple interrelated partners within the early childhood community to develop seamless systems of care for children from birth to age 8. Funded by HRSA/ MCHB since 2003.

What is ECCS CoIIN?

- Teams of federal, state and local leaders working together to address a common problem in early childhood.
- Uses Quality improvement, innovation and collaborative learning in a collective impact framework.
- Purpose is to:
 - Improve outcomes in population-based children's developmental health and family well-being.
 - Provide a mechanism for working together on key strategy areas toward child health and well being for the next 18 months.

AIM --- Show a 25% increase in age-appropriate developmental skills among communities' 3 year olds.

Project Plan:

- The project is to promote the state's child developmental health through monitoring, screening and follow up

Increase screening and track referrals:

- Increase screening by identifying agencies/programs Not currently screening (ASQ & PEDS) within the place-based communities.
- Connect them with resources to begin screening or connect families they serve with agencies already administering screens.
- Conduct follow up with high risk families to ensure they actually receive the needed services.

Working with 3 main groups

Impact Grantee Team :

- A team of individuals on the state level leading the quality improvement work in each grantee state.
 - Birth to Three
 - Head Start
 - Nemours
 - Child Development Watch
 - OEL
 - Delaware 2-1-1
 - Home Visiting

Place-Based Community Teams:

- Participating communities identified in each grantee state
 - Delaware Readiness Teams (New Castle County)
 - Public Allies
 - Sussex County Health Coalition
 - Sussex Early Childhood Council

Timeline:

Project divided into 3 Cohorts:

- Cohort A : Dec 2016 to May 2018 (18 months)

- Cohort B: June 2018 to Nov 2019
- Cohort C: Dec 2019 to May 2021

Project for the next cohorts yet to be identified but will be a follow up to Cohort A.

Current Activities:

- Currently worked on pre-work to prepare for upcoming first annual grantee meeting in Arlington from January 24-26.
- Pre-work entails a swim lane of the state's developmental screening process within different systems.
- Met January 4 to map out the processes and submitted to NICHQ on January 10th.
- Will also include a storyboard which tells the story of the 3 different teams, the demographics -- state and local communities, successes, challenges and opportunities for growth.
- A team of 13 will be representing Delaware at the annual meeting.
- The annual meeting brings grantees together to network, define and refine state plans to improve early childhood systems as well as developing an action plan.

Things to Consider:

- Grant requires a core team to do the day to day quality improvement work (Improvement teams). It's been a challenge getting the teams established as place-based groups are mostly volunteers and not certain if they can dedicate time for all that is expected of an improvement team.
- Increased screening could potentially result in an uptake in high risk families that early intervention programs like CDW will need to serve.

- Need to watch how this unfolds as CDW already has challenges in terms of its staffing capacity.
- We have been working with CDW (North and South), Child Find and Help Me Grow 2-1-1 to develop a standard referral form physician practices could use for referrals for follow up services.
- This is not directly an Impact grant activity but it will definitely improve the overall quality improvement work.